

## ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

### QUEEN ANN AND MAGNOLIA OFF LEASH AREAS

#### Purpose of Checklist.

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), chapter 43.21 RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

#### Instructions for Applicants.

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal write "do not know" or "does not apply." Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

#### Use of Checklist for Non-project Proposals.

Complete this checklist for non-project proposals, even though questions may be answered "does not apply." IN ADDITION, complete the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D).

For non-project actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "property," and "affected geographic area," respectively.

**A. BACKGROUND**

**A1.** Name of proposed project, if applicable:

**Queen Anne and Magnolia Off Leash Areas**

**A2.** Name of applicant:

**Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation**

**A3.** Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

**800 Maynard Avenue S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Seattle, Washington 98136  
Contact person: Lana Krisman, (206) 684.7047**

**A4.** Date checklist prepared: **August 2006**

**A5.** Agency requesting checklist: **Seattle Parks and Recreation (Parks)**

**A6.** Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

**Parks is evaluating the possibility of creating one or two dog off leash areas (OLA's) in the Queen Anne and Magnolia neighborhoods. Following a committee meeting and two public meetings, Parks is considering three sites within existing parks as off leash areas. The three sites are described below in A 11 and A 12. As has been the practice in recent years with OLA's, Parks is holding a public hearing with the Board of Park Commissioners in October, 2006 to consider the proposed OLA's and to gather additional public input. Following a decision to proceed, the Superintendent will establish pilot dog off-leash areas. Construction is expected to begin in late summer 2007. Parks will review the performance of the pilot OLAs at the end of the eighteen month period to consider the permanent establishment of one or two OLA's in Queen Anne and Magnolia and submit legislation to the Seattle City Council to so designate any permanent OLA's.**

**A7.** Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

**Parks in the future may continue to identify additional potential off leash area sites in Queen Anne and Magnolia. The Park Board and Superintendent will review the performance of the OLA after the 18 month trial period to determine whether to continue the OLA, make changes to the OLA, or to discontinue the OLA.**

**A8.** List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

**Kinnear Park –Geotechnical report for Kinnear Park following slides in 1997.**

**Kinnear Park (lower) – Parks engineering and design staff provided draft evaluation of upper and lower Kinnear. The upper grassy area is not recommended for a dog-off-leash area, because the new usage would be detrimental to the present designed drainage and slope stability of the area. However, the lower Kinnear Park grassy area accessible from West Roy Street has the potential to be developed into a Dog-Off-Leash area, from a public safety and geotechnical point of view.**

**A registered Professional Engineer should be consulted in the design phase to ensure the lower site maintains its present level of stability for the safety of the public.**

**A SEPA Checklist for City Council legislation considering the permanent establishment of OLA's and for procedures to establish new OLAs was completed summer 1997. The DNS was issued August 21, 1997.**

- A9.** Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

**None known.**

- A10.** List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

**Magnolia Manor - City of Seattle, Seattle Public Utilities approval is needed for the construction of the proposed improvements. SPU has provided ongoing review and approval is anticipated.**

**Council approval legislation is needed to create a permanent OLA.**

- A11.** Give a brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the site of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

**This proposal implements one or more pilot off leash areas in Queen Anne and Magnolia. In Spring 2006, Parks staff and working committee identified several possible locations within existing parks. They have recommended three locations within three parks: Magnolia Manor Park, David Rodgers Park and Lower Kinnear Park.**

**Magnolia Manor - The park, totaling 5 acres, is located at 3500 28<sup>th</sup> Ave. W. This site is on property with a covered reservoir and is under the jurisdiction of Seattle Public Utilities. The park portion, under agreement with SPU, is fenced and consists of paved walking path and grass. The OLA would be approximately 10,000 SF or ¼ acre. The OLA location is an open grass area near the fence dividing the reservoir property from the park area.**

**David Rodgers Park – The park, totaling 8.5 acres is located at 2800 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. W. The potential site is located in the center of the park near tennis courts and would be approximately ¼ acre. The location is open grass area bordered by native vegetation to the north and park path to the south.**

**Lower Kinnear Park** – The park, totaling 14 acres is located at 899 W. Olympic Pl. The potential site is a mixture of open grass area and native vegetation in the lower portion of Kinnear Park next to tennis courts and would be approximately 20,000 SF or ½ acre. This location could be approx. 600' feet in length based on the pedestrian trail/service road that extends from Elliott Ave. West up the side of West Roy Street. Several places along the trail widen out to allow small, relatively flat areas for possible off leash activity.

The Checklist is intended to identify information pertinent to proposed 10,000 – 20,000 SF off-leash areas (OLA) in portions of the above identified parks. The off leash areas will include improvements to allow dogs to run freely without being leashed.

Physical improvements for the OLA include fencing, gates, signage, wood fiber (hog fuel) surface and irrigation and drainage modifications. The pilot OLA project, would also have, as integral components, the following:

1. A monitoring and evaluation program, beginning with a baseline assessment prior to the opening of the site, that will measure existing uses and conditions, including data concerning frequency of use.
  2. Strict rules posted at each site, stating, as a minimum:
    - owners are liable for any damage or injury inflicted by their dogs
    - dogs must be properly licensed and vaccinated
    - no aggressive behavior, biting, fighting or excessive barking
    - dogs must be leashed prior to entering and upon leaving the off-leash site
    - owners must have a visible leash at all times
    - owners must clean up and properly dispose of any feces left by their dogs
    - female dogs in estrus are not allowed
    - dog owner or handler must be with dog at all times
    - dog owners must comply with all park rules and relevant parking information
  3. A signed agreement between the Citizens for Off-Leash Areas (COLA) and the City of Seattle, providing for: regular volunteer maintenance and other labor at each site; for fundraising to provide supplies for the off-leash areas; to assist Animal Control in providing education for dog owners; and in assisting in troubleshooting problems which may arise during the pilot phase.
  4. Management by Animal Control, to ensure maximum compliance with regulations, Animal Control work closely with Seattle Parks and Recreation Department on maintenance and disposal issues, and any problems which might arise;
  5. Flexibility to allow any needed course-corrections, such as fencing off areas of extreme wear, rotation of sites, restriction of hours or even closure of a site if conditions warrant. The pilot phase will allow for the accumulation of information to help determine whether off-leash activity should continue beyond the pilot phase.
- A12.** Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries

of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

**1. Magnolia Manor Park, 3500 28<sup>th</sup> Ave. W. Seattle, WA**  
**Site Plan is attached as Exhibit A**

**Location of OLA pilot site:** a square grassy area in the center of the park next to SPU fence dividing reservoir from park, accessed from 28<sup>th</sup> Ave. W. via paved pathway.

**Legal Description:**

**Block 5-6 & lot portion of Magnolia Manor Addition lots 9 through 15 & lots 18 through 22 Block 5 Magnolia Manor Addition; together with the following portions of Block 6 said plat: lot 5 less portion thereof – beginning at northwest corner said lot 5, thence south 74-59-49 east along northerly line thereof 91.76 feet, thence north 84-29-28 west 93.03 feet to a point on westerly line said lot 5, thence north 15-00-11 east along said westerly line 15.34 feet to beginning, together with all of lots 6 through 12, together with portion of lots 13 & 14 lying northeasterly of line running from a point 35.20 feet north of southwest corner of said lot 13 to a point 3.54 feet south of northeast corner of said lot 14, together with all of lots 18 through 24, together with portion of lots 25, 26 & 33 lying southerly of following described line – beginning northwest corner of said lot 26, thence southwesterly along northwesterly line of said lot 112.96 feet to true point of beginning of said line, thence south 85-05-24 east to west margin of 26<sup>th</sup> Ave W & terminus of said line, together with all of lots 34 through 41 & end of lot descriptions of said block 6; together with portion of vacated 27<sup>th</sup> Ave W & Whalley Pl W adjoining said lots in blocks 5 & 6; together with portion of northeast quarter of southwest quarter of section township range 14-25-03 described as follows – beginning on west margin of 27<sup>th</sup> Ave W at a point 300 feet east & 135 feet north of southwest corner of said northeast quarter of southwest quarter, thence north 50 feet, thence west 135 feet, thence south 47 feet, thence east 22 feet, thence south 3 feet, thence east to beginning together with portion of vacated 27<sup>th</sup> Ave W adjoining; & together with the following portion of said northeast quarter of southwest quarter – beginning at southwest corner of said subdivision, thence north along west line thereof 216 feet, thence east parallel to south line thereof 165 feet to true point of beginning, thence north parallel to west line of said subdivision 78 feet, thence west parallel to south line of said subdivision 42 feet, thence southeasterly in straight line to true point of beginning.**

**2. David Rodgers Park, 2800 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. W., Seattle, WA**  
**Site Plan is attached as Exhibit B**

**Location of OLA pilot site:** a rectangular strip of land west of tennis courts and north of service road. Entrance points are from upper park at W. Raye St, east side from 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. W. and west side from 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W. via pathways.

**Legal Description:**

N1/2SW1/4NE1/4NE1/4 of Section 24, Township 25 North, Range 3 East  
(this would include the tennis courts on the eastern side of the park)

**3. Kinnear Park, 899 W. Olympic Pl. Seattle, WA**  
Site Plan is attached as Exhibit C

**Location of OLA pilot site:** a strip of land southwest of tennis courts that encompasses pedestrian trail/service road that extends from Elliott Ave. W. up the side of West Roy St. Several places along the trail widen out to allow small, flat areas. The trail which is wide is fairly steep and is bordered in some places on both sides by steep terrain.

**Legal Description:**

E1/2 of Block 26, Supplemental Plat of George Kinnear's Addition

**B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS****B1. Earth**

- a. General description of the site (circle one):

**Magnolia Manor – flat to gentle slope**

**David Rodgers Park – flat to gentle slope**

**Kinnear Park (lower) – flat areas, open areas range from rolling to steep slopes. The OLA would utilize open flat areas and the more gentle grade of the existing service road/trail. The steep slopes would be protected by fencing.**

- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

**Magnolia Manor – 0-5%**

**David Rodgers Park – 0-5%**

**Kinnear Park (lower) – small flat areas of 0-5%, some 5-10% areas along service road/trail. Upslope areas are steep, with slopes ranging to 75%.**

- c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland.

**Magnolia Manor, David Rodgers Park - Sandy Soil types geologically known as "Quaternary Vashon Advanced Outwash"**

**Kinnear Park – deposits of fine to medium sands, unconsolidated surficial soils, uncemented soils containing perched water to gravelly sandy mixture underlying turf and wooded areas.**

- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

**Kinnear Park – potential slide area and steep slopes, recent slide activity in 1996 and 1997. Parks engineering and design staff evaluation of lower Kinnear notes that Kinnear Park is located in a Landslide Prone area. The site features of the Kinnear upper sloping grassy area are not compatible with an off leash area. Site conditions at Kinnear after a significant slide in 1996 necessitated a Landslide Improvement Project which was constructed in 2001 at the steep upper area. The alternative site in lower Kinnear, accessible from West Roy Street has potential to be an OLA if geotechnical issues can be addressed and it is recommended that registered Professional Engineers be consulted in the design phase. The OLA would be located to avoid any steep slope areas.**

- e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

**Site work includes removal of top layer of existing turf and installing 6” deep wood fiber (hog fuel) surface. No additional grading is anticipated.**

- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

**The off-leash areas are being constructed in a manner that will result in a relatively level site at David Rodgers Park and Magnolia Park. The Lower Kinnear Park site is sloped and erosion could occur as a result of use. Surfacing material and drainage modifications are intended to reduce the amount of erosion potential from the intense dog activity. During construction disturbance, the site will be vulnerable to rain and soil erosion.**

- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

**No areas will be covered with impervious surfaces after construction.**

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

**The surface of the OLA will be amended with material, such as wood fiber or crushed rock to minimize erosion.**

**Suitable source control, sediment traps, and stabilized construction entrances will be implemented to reduce erosion during construction.**

## **B2. Air**

- a. What type of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

**Some people may drive to the OLA. This could result in an increase in local traffic. However, it is expected that many users will be from the immediate area. By**

opening an OLA in the neighborhood, dog owners will need to drive fewer miles to reach an OLA.

**Dog feces, if left to accumulate, can create an odor. Most OLA users pick up, bag, and dispose of the feces in garbage cans located in the park.**

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

**The sites are immediately surrounded by neighborhood streets. David Rodgers Park is bordered by 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W. and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. W. Magnolia Manor Park is accessed from 28<sup>th</sup> Ave. W. and closed street to Lower Kinnear is W. Roy St.**

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

**As described above, these areas will be surfaced with wood fiber to reduce erosion.**

**Potential problems with dog feces will be addressed by having readily available leakproof plastic bags and garbage cans for disposal of dog waste; posting of signage reminding owners of their responsibilities; rigorous enforcement of the city's "scoop" law; and peer pressure exerted by other dog owners who do not want to lose the right to use the area.**

**Twice a day garbage pick will be scheduled so that feces will not accumulate.**

### **B3. Water**

- a. Surface:

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

**Magnolia Manor – The park site is partially over a covered drinking water reservoir. Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) approval is needed for the construction of the proposed improvements. SPU has provided ongoing review and approval is anticipated.**

**David Rodgers Park -no**

**Kinnear Park - no**

- 2.) Will the project require any work over, in or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

**Magnolia Manor Park –The site for an off leash area is approximately 25% of the total park area. Of this area, less than 25% of off leash area would be over the covered reservoir. The majority of the area over the covered reservoir has been fenced off by SPU and the remainder of the site is for park use.**

**David Rodgers Park – no**



**Kinnear Park - no**

- 3.) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

**None**

- 4.) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose and approximate quantities if known.

**No**

- 5.) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

**No**

- 6.) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

**No.**

b. Ground:

- 1) Will ground water be withdrawn or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

**There would be no ground water withdrawn or water discharged into ground water as a result of this project.**

- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals ...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

**The proposal does not involve discharge of waste materials in the usual sense. However, any dog which uses this site could eliminate feces or urine, which occurs whether a dog is on-leash or off-leash. There is no reliable means to anticipate the volume of such discharge. Concentration of off-leash activity into these sites could possibly increase the volume of such materials**

c. Water Runoff (including storm water):

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

**Storm water will create water runoff but OLA locations are not expected to alter existing runoff patterns. If needed, the OLA locations will include a filter strip on the down-gradient side of the off-leash area which will capture all water leaving the**

**OLA. This filter strip will contain organic materials to which the pollutants will bind. It may be necessary to install a perforated pipe that will carry excess water to the City system. The three sites do not have a completed design and may need to include drainage modifications in the design phase.**

2.) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

**No.**

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, or runoff water impacts, if any:

**There is a strong incentive for dog owners to keep off-leash sites clean. Citizens for Off-Leash Areas (COLA) will sign an agreement with the City to provide volunteer maintenance services. The site will have leakproof plastic bags and garbage cans available for disposal.**

**Animal Control will enforce the scoop laws, citing offenders if necessary. Peer pressure and provision of disposal materials have created positive results in other off-leash areas.**

**In general, both Ecology and the King County Health Department recommend implementation of BMPs to help minimize ammonia and fecal coliform impacts to the environment. The BMPs could include:**

- **Keeping site clean of obvious fecal deposits.** This is achieved through individuals depositing waste in collection facilities and reinforced by COLA's outreach and monitoring.
- **Maintaining some form of onsite stormwater filtration and flow impediment.** The site will be covered with wood fiber (hog fuel) and/or gravel. The filter strip is designed to accommodate runoff.
- **Maintaining a buffer of grass and/or some other form of stormwater filtration and flow impediment between the downgradient side of the off-leash area and adjacent public areas including surface water bodies.**

#### **B4. Plants**

a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:

##### **Magnolia Manor-**

- ☐ deciduous tree:
- ☐ evergreen tree:
- ☐ shrubs:
- ☐ grass: **turf**
- ☐ pasture
- ☐ crop or grain
- ☐ wet soil plants:

\_\_ other  
 \_\_ water plants:  
 \_\_ Other types:

**David Rodgers Park –**

\_\_ deciduous tree: **big leaf maple**  
 \_\_ evergreen tree: **Douglas fir**  
 \_\_ shrubs:  
 \_\_ grass: **turf**  
 \_\_ pasture  
 \_\_ crop or grain  
 \_\_ wet soil plants:  
 \_\_ other  
 \_\_ water plants:  
 \_\_ Other types:

**Kinnear Park (lower) –**

\_\_ deciduous tree: **deciduous woodland on slopes**  
 \_\_ evergreen tree: **Douglas fir**  
 \_\_ shrubs:  
 \_\_ grass: **turf**  
 \_\_ pasture  
 \_\_ crop or grain  
 \_\_ wet soil plants:  
 \_\_ other  
 \_\_ water plants:  
 \_\_ Other types: **blackberries, ivy**

- b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

**The turf areas will be removed in order to create wood chip surface. No trees or shrubs will be removed from any of the three sites.**

- c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

**None.**

- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

**None**

**B5. Animals**

- a. Circle any birds and animals that have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other: songbirds (all three park sites)  
mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other: raccoons, rodents (lower Kinnear Park)  
fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other: None

- b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

**There are no known threatened or endangered species inhabiting these sites.**

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

**Seattle is within the Pacific Flyway for migrating birds. However, it is unlikely that any of these sites are used by migrating birds.**

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

**The OLA will be fenced to prohibit dogs from chasing wildlife.**

#### **B6. Energy and Natural Resources**

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

**This project does not include any lighting or irrigation systems other than existing.**

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

**No**

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

**None.**

#### **B7. Environmental Health**

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

**There would be no environmental health hazards such as exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire or explosion, spill or hazardous wastes that could occur as a result of this proposal.**

**Experience at other OLAs has shown that there would be a concentration of dogs. This could result in increased potential to come in contact with fecal matter.**

- 1) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

**No special emergency procedures will be required.**

- 2.) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

**The following actions reduce the potential for dog feces to create an environmental health hazard:**

- (a.) **Leak-proof containers (plastic bags) will be placed at convenient locations at the off-leash park for dog owners to dispose of pet feces and other trash;**
- (b.) **Rules for proper disposal of dog feces and use of the off-leash would be posted, including the requirement that pet owners pick up after their dogs.**

**The disposal of dog feces at other off-leash parks is not a major problem for two primary reasons: the high degree of compliance with posted rules and the strong peer pressure exerted by those responsible dog owners who do not want to lose their off-leash privileges.**

**Citizens for Off-Leash Areas (COLA), the dog owners group organized to support the formation of off-leash areas, and the City of Seattle will enter into an agreement whereby COLA will provide regular volunteer maintenance to insure that the site remains clean and safe. The site will have its own "Adopt-A-Park" subgroup responsible for maintenance. Parks Department and Animal Control staff meet regularly with COLA representatives to ensure ongoing compliance by all parties to the agreement.**

**Rules banning fighting and biting will be posted and strictly enforced; dogs with a known history of such behavior to Animal Control will be banned from these sites. Owners may be asked to muzzle overly-aggressive dogs or to remove them from the site.**

b. Noise

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment operation, other)?

**There is no significant noise other than that generated by vehicle traffic on nearby residential streets.**

- 2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from site?

**The types of noises that will be generated include barking, whistles, shouts, and voice commands, which might annoy some park users and nearby residents. The concentration of usage could possibly lead to an increase of these noises. Observations at the other OLA sites are that the OLA activity does not contribute substantially to the overall sound level.**

**During the construction, there will periods where construction activity generates noise. These activities will generally be during working hours and will not likely be significant or long-term.**

- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

**The proposal would include a number of measures to reduce or control possible noise impacts.**

**Park facilities are closed between 11 PM and 6 AM unless there is a specially permitted activity.**

**Monitoring, and closing or restricting the OLA hours of use if necessary, education and signage, peer pressure, and voluntary restraint will be important measures to reduce possible impacts. The pilot period would allow off-leash activity during the parks' normal operating hours, but if, for example, late evening noise were to become a problem, the OLA hours could be cut back to an earlier closing time, or the site could be closed.**

**B8. Land and Shoreline Use**

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?

**Magnolia Park – public open space, informal active and passive recreation including on and off leash dog activity. The park as a whole consists of open turf area, picnic tables, and paved paths.**

**David Rodgers Park – public open space, informal use of open grassy areas including on and off leash dog activity. The overall park is comprised of a play area, tennis courts, paved paths and picnic tables.**

**Kinnear Park (lower) – The site is currently used for passive activities such as a walk through to lower areas of the park and connecting to Elliot Ave on the lower end of the park. There is a large population of homeless encampments in the slope above and below and transients frequent the park. Two mixed-use complexes are nearby the site to the east on W. Roy St.**

- b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.

**No**

- c. Describe any structures on the site.

**No**

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

**No**

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

**Magnolia Park – single family residential**

**David Rodgers Park – single family residential**

**Kinnear Park – multi-family residential**

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

**Each of the sites is designated Public Open Space**

- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

**NA**

- h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.

**Yes, Kinnear Park is potential slide area**

- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

**None**

- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

**None**

- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any.

**N/A**

- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and project land uses and plans, if any.

**Gated fencing and signage will delineate the OLA boundary. This will minimize potential conflicts with other park users. Education, peer pressure, and responsible volunteer management of the OLA will help with reducing impacts.**

**B9. Housing**

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing?

**None**

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing?

**None**

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any.

None

**B10. Aesthetics**

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

N/A

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

None

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any.

**All construction materials will comply with Parks Dept. requirements for installation and aesthetics.**

**B11. Light and Glare**

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

None

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

No

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

None

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

None

**B12. Recreation**

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

**Magnolia Manor – Walking picnicking, other informal recreational activities, informal on and off leash dog use.**

**David Rodgers Park – Walking, picnicking, play area, tennis courts, informal recreational activities including on and off leash dog use.**

**Kinnear Park (lower) – Walking, tennis courts, informal recreational activities**

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.



**The off leash areas will displace some passive uses such as picnicking on open grass areas. Other than this, existing uses will remain in the parks. This proposal will add another use to the three sites.**

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

**NA**

**B13. Historic and Cultural Preservation**

- a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.

**David Rodgers Park – While not a designated landmark, the park is Olmsted Brothers recommended park.**

**Kinnear Park (lower) – Kinnear Park is a City of Seattle designated landmark. Parks designed during Early Seattle years are significant because they incorporated topographic and scenic resources. The Olmsted era design featured expansive lawns, paths that followed the lands contour and native vegetation.**

**B14. Transportation**

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe the proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

**Magnolia Manor Park - The site is bounded by and accessed from 28<sup>th</sup> Ave. W. on the East.**

**David Rodgers Park – The site is bounded and can be access by pathways from 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W. on the east, W. Raye St. on the south and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. W. on the east.**

**Kinnear Park (lower ) – The site is bounded by West Roy St. on the east. The entry points would be from Elliott Way West at the bottom of the service road/trail and from West Roy St. at the top. Parking on both ends is extremely limited which may limit the attendance at this site for off leash use.**

- b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

**Magnolia Manor Park - Yes, there is a Metro bus stop nearby on 28<sup>th</sup> Ave. W.**

**David Rodgers Park – Yes, there is a Metro bus stop nearby on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W.**

**Kinnear Park (lower) – Yes, there is a Metro bus stop at upper Kinnear Park on W. Olympic Pl.**

- c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?

None

- d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

No

- e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

No

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.

**There is no reliable data from which to make an estimate. The three off leash areas will be small (approx. ¼ acre). Consequently, it is unlikely that this OLA will be a significant destination to which dog owners will drive. Many of the users can walk to the site from the surrounding neighborhoods.**

**According to dog owners who participated in developing other OLAs as well as to personal observation at other OLAs, sites used for on- and off-leash activity tend to experience peaks on weekdays from 7am to 9am and from 5pm to 7pm and on Saturday mornings between 10am and noon.**

- g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

**Given that Queen Anne and Magnolia dog owners must currently drive to utilize off-leash site elsewhere in the City, there could be a decrease in total mileage.**

#### **B15. Public Services**

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

**Relative to other park activities, the OLA sites should not require significantly increased maintenance, particularly since COLA (Citizens for Off-Leash Areas) will provide volunteer maintenance in accordance with an agreement with the City. The agreement will spell out COLA's role in stewardship, initial site set-up, and on-going maintenance, as well as help handling complaints and raising funds for supplies.**

**Kinnear Park - An off-leash area will be a plus in helping to eliminate illicit activity that currently occurs there.**

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

**The agreement between COLA and the City of Seattle (to be executed prior to the opening of any of these sites) will provide volunteers for maintenance, education, and possible licensing canvassing activities. Careful monitoring of the pilot, voluntary compliance with**

posted rules, peer pressure by dog owners who want to preserve the OLA, education, and signage, will all contribute to reducing or controlling direct impacts on public services.

Kinnear Park neighbors have expressed general support of the location in lower Kinnear Park and some believe that the positive presence of a legitimate activity such as that engaged in by dogs and their owners may serve to deter illegal activities and encourage positive use.

**B16. Utilities**

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:

electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other.

**Electricity and water are currently available at all three sites.**

- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

**The need for electricity and water will continue. Seattle Public Utilities provides water service; Seattle City Light provides electrical service.**

**C. Signature**

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: <signature on original>

Lana Krisman, Park Planner  
Seattle Parks and Recreation

Date submitted: August 29, 2006